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come to Texas, hire out as cooks and wear diamonds.

THE GAZETTE repeats: Is there any other game that Dallas plays better than it does base ball?

THEY do say that McEnery is not hurtling himself to secure Nicolls' election as Governor of Louisiana.

BEN BUTLER once said that the only way to stop the war of the rebellion was to hang about a dozen editors.

Don't forget that Jackboro stone will be on the market delivered over the Fort Worth Western before long.

THE Trinidad Citizen prints a map that looks like an overgrown tar-nut, but no matter; she is going to furnish us coal.

IT makes the feet of Sterett almost slip when he sees the prosperity of Fort Worth—because he thinks we are the wicked.

THE balmy weather of the sunny south has lately suffered somewhat from string-ent, but it will be up and about the house soon again.

SUNSET COX made one fell swoop down upon Mr. Springer of Illinois and walked off with that gentleman's scalp hanging to his belt.

HON. TEMPLE HOUSTON is not a candidate for Congress in the Eleventh district. Mr. Linham will no doubt be re-elected without opposition.

THE good people of Springtown should be careful when driving young or skittish horses. The whistle of the Fort Worth Western is liable to scare them.

THE live stock commission firms continue to send representatives to Fort Worth for the purpose of establishing branch houses. Oa with the stock yards.

LET it be remembered that while the Blair bill was being brought forth Professor Hogg of Fort Worth was in the Senate counting the vote on his fingers ends.

IS Fort Worth acting as it talked about immigration? The railroads are doing their duty; are all the people of Fort Worth and other towns doing their duty?

PETROLEUM V. NABBY is dead. One by one the pencil shavers pass over the Syrian river and leave behind them, what? "The glory and the nothing of a name."

IF THE Dallas Times-Herald will call over in sixty days from date we will furnish that excellent journal with an attested list of the benefits of big union stock yards.

News comes that a chapel is to be built over the spot where King Ludwig drowned himself. They must be afraid that some future King will want to drown himself in the same hole.

GOULD does not like the pyramids and he despises camels—the first because he cannot get away with them, and the second because they might drink all the water out of his stocks.

THE superintendent of the public schools of Fort Worth is in Washington, looking after national legislation; but the schools seem to be peering away all right. Still, people will talk.

IT is getting dangerous to be a Chicago millionaire. Burglars kill them. This is a sad blow at the prospects of the Lake City for securing the national Democratic convention. Texas editors will be afraid to attend.

FORT WORTH has several gentlemen who would adorn the Supreme bench, but she is not rushing around trying to have any of them appointed. If the people want any of them they can find them at the old stand.

TARRANT county has begun the good work of straightening and improving its roads. This is a work in the interest of both town and country, and should be persisted in until goods roads are accessible to all the people.

TO THE Austin Dispatch: Press convention—Dallas—May inter-state drill—Austin—May capitol dedication—Excursion to Austin—Editorial. N.B.—Establish choice route, not too hilly and where the lunch is prime and the mugs large. Saves?

THE Cisco bank robbery, as reported in the special telegrams of THE GAZETTE yesterday, was one of the boldest feats on record. It is scarcely possible that the robbers can get away, though some of the officers may pay the penalty of their lives for attempting to arrest them.

THE Arkansas City Traveler says: "The Republican state convention of Texas has been called, and the Fort Worth GAZETTE, the leading Democratic paper of that state, extends a cordial invitation to them to meet there. The GAZETTE is liberal, and its editor has a very level head."

THE leading St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City cattle firms are sending agents to Fort Worth already and a number of branch houses will soon be opened. The stock yards, the cattle center, and, if our cattle men are wise, the refrigerator, will soon bring in many more

of these gentlemen. It is a wonder that some of them do not locate elsewhere, come to think of it.

ACCORDING to Halstead, Stanton did more to put down the war of the rebellion than any one else. He could not have done much since the Field Marshal has been hard at work completing the job ever since and is not half through.

FORT WORTH needs that public building, gentlemen from Texas. Can you not give us not only united support of it, but a united and energetic effort for it? Senator Coke has introduced the bill and now we look for Senator Reagan to attach his tow line to the measure.

THE GAZETTE is grateful for the public appreciation. Says the Miami Ranger: "The Fort Worth GAZETTE is doing a grand work in advertising the entire state. It publishes all the immigration meetings and speaks kind words for all parts of the state. Accept the thanks of Roberts county."

THE special edition of the Austin Statesman has received the indorsement of the immigration committee, but it lacks soul and spirit. It is not the "heartly official" indorsement given the Texas Immigration and Real Estate Journal by Mr. J. F. Elliott, secretary, but it is still an indorsement. The Statesman pours coals of fire upon the secretary's head by complimenting his book without stint. If any one has a bee course or a jug of spruce beer they should hasten to secure the "heartly official" indorsement of the State Immigration Bureau. If we are blessed with luxuries we should enjoy them.

THE Los Angeles Times, printed in a state that is noted chiefly for climate and matted grapes, has this to say of a kind where cotton and wheat, corn and sugar, potatoes and oats, fruit and alfalfa grow side by side: "A Texas man, recently returned disgusted to the Lone Star state from San Diego, pours out the agony of his alleged soul in a Texas newspaper. He relates his grievances at tedious length, and runs down California in regulation style. A Texas man, shaming California! 'Tis the most unkindest cut of all.' Of Texas Phil Sheridan once said: 'If I owned Texas and hell, I'd rent out the former and live in the latter.' Texas is a tough country, and how the average Texan can be expected to appreciate the beauties of 'God's country' is something that bothers the wit and confounds the understanding. 'Texas is monstrous hard on 'women and oxen,' as a native once said. It is a great country for beef, burros, bandits and Democrats, but for straight civilization it is a r.g."

SUPPRESS THE CIGARETTE.  
THE GAZETTE is pleased to see other Texas newspapers warring on the cigarette. The cigarette is the deadly foe of our boys, and the parents of the state should awake to the growth of an evil that is sapping the mental and physical strength of the children. The Austin Statesman thus discusses this curse: "The Post is making war on the deadly cigarette, and now proposes that the physicians of Houston devote fifteen minutes each month to lectures before the public school boys of that city, on the baneful effects of such smoking. The idea is a good one, and we commend it to the parents, the school authorities and the physicians of our city. For the gimlet-headed dudes who don't know enough to go to school, or who, having gone to school a sufficient length of time to make them think they know everything, simply because they haven't learned enough to make them appreciate their perfect ignorance, we have in this matter no sympathy. The sooner the cigarette accomplishes its work on such subjects the better for the community. But some influence should be brought to bear on our public and private schools to warn the boys growing up to manhood against the example of such a satire upon mankind as the above mentioned dude. If the boys must smoke, every father in the community should forthwith lay in a supply of pipes or cigars. Don't let your boys begin the habit of inhaling cigarette smoke. The parents of Austin have an interest in the matter, and they can turn the present suggestion to good advantage."

THE BLAIR BILL.  
The Blair bill has passed the United States Senate by a vote of 39 to 29, and it will be returned to the House. The Senators voting for the measure were: Yeas—Allison, Berry, Blair, Bowen, Brown, Cameron, Call, Chandler, Colquhitt, Culham, Daniel, Dawes, Dolph, Eustis, Evans, George, Hampton, Hearst, Hoar, Jones (of Arkansas), Manderson, Mitchell, Morrill, Palmer, Pasco, Payne, Platt, Pugh, Quay, Ransom, Riddleberger, Sawyer, Stanford, Stewart, Stockbridge, Teller, Vance, Walthall, Wilson (of Iowa), 39. While those opposing it were: Nays—Aldrich, Bate, Beck, Blackburn, Blodgett, Butler, Coke, Davis, Farwell, Faulkner, Frye, Gray, Hale, Harris, Hawley, Hiscok, Ingalls, Jones (of Nevada), Keene, Morgan, Plumb, Ragan, Sabin, Saulsbury, Spooner, Turpie, Vest, Voorhees, Wilson (of Maryland), 29. It was not a party measure, and each Senator voted as he chose, with the exception of Senator Berry of Arkansas, who voted for the bill because the Legislature of his state had so instructed him, while personally opposing it. In his concluding speech Mr. Blair took the position that the opposition sprang from

Jesuitical influence—a false and a foolish supposition—and very inconsistently declared that the newspaper men in the reporters' gallery would tell the country the truth, after having previously asserted that the newspapers were influenced and controlled by Jesuits who held positions on the staff of all the leading newspapers of the country. The whisky interest, too, came in for a share of the blame in creating opposition to the bill, and a combination of whisky and Jesuits, in the opinion of the Senator, was quite a considerable thing. However, these two elements were not strong enough to defeat the bill, and it passed. It is not probable that it will be heard from in the House until after the next presidential campaign, and if ever taken up it will meet its death.

CUNNING ARKANSAS.

There are "no flies on" Arkansas if she is a toothpick state. The people of that commonwealth met in convention for the purpose of devising plans for securing immigration. They wanted immigration from the blizzard stricken northwest and they set about getting them with a will. Arkansas is one of the most pronounced Democratic states in the south, rolling up a majority that robs all the "boxes" for Agates, but she elected Colonel Logan H. Root, one of the best known Republicans in the country, as chairman, and Mr. Harmon L. Remmel, another prominent Republican, as secretary of the executive committee. When the Republicans of the northwest see that in a Democratic state people of their political faith are not only permitted to live in peace but are recognized, respected and by Democratic votes elected to prominent and responsible positions, it will be a better advertisement than a trailload of literature. Arkansas is no slouch if she does pronounce the final syllable in her name "saw."

TEXAS IN TYPE.

Clippings from State Exchanges on Matters of Interest.

Santa Anna is to have a high school building costing \$3500.

Farmers in Williamson county are rushing the oat sowing.

Coleman county farmers are sanguine of very abundant crops this year.

Lipcomb county has effected an organization for immigration purposes.

Hay is abundant in the Cleburne market, and selling at 50 cents a hundred.

The cattle in Hamilton county are reported as generally standing the winter very well.

In De Witt county grass is springing up rapidly, and the plum trees are white with blossoms.

The Quarah Advance reports fine rains in that locality, and greatly benefiting both grass and wheat.

Stockmen in Hood county say that the cattle have been in good condition by feeding on the prickly pear.

Mr. Monroe Tidwell was drowned last week in Bowie county while attempting to ford the river at Sulphur.

Frank Lassell, son of Mr. C. S. Lassell, was killed last Wednesday near Lupton by the horse he was riding falling upon him.

The work of oat sowing in Hood county has been somewhat retarded by the rain, but it is now being pushed rapidly.

The cattle in Greer county are doing finely, the water holes on the prairies being now full; thus far the losses have been small.

Mr. Robert McNamee, living on the Mahoney ranch near Santa Anna, was dragged to death in the attempt to rope a wild horse.

A pebble of quartz containing a number of small nuggets of gold was picked out of some gravel hauled for a sidewalk in Helena, Karnes county.

COKE AND THE SENATORSHIP.

A Review of the So-Called Arguments of His Opponents.

DALLAS, TEX., Feb. 15, 1888.

To the Editor of the Gazette.

The opponents of Senator Coke charge that the Senator's adherents are inclined to "thump," instead of answering the arguments against a third term for him; viz: His course in the prohibition campaign last summer, and the fact that he has already been honored twice by the Statesman.

These men, or papers, also assert that Texas has been represented in the Senate since the war by mediocres, and that the time has come when the people should see that representative statesmen should speak for Texas in the upper branch of the national legislature.

Generally speaking Texas has not given her Senators a chance to wield the influence that the state desires in the Senate; and as long as it is held that two terms is all that a man shall have just so long will Texas be misgoverned by the influence which its commanding position among the states should have.

This "anti-third term" policy is merely foolishness, and no valid reason exists why it should be maintained. The political history of the nation shows that the men who have made the greatest impression on its pages, and represented the most powerful influence for the good of the country at large and their constituents, are those men who have been long in public service. The states now that are best represented in the Senate are those that have good men to represent them and keep them there. Edmunds and Morrill of Vermont, two of the most conspicuous men in the Senate have been there for years, and will remain as long as they live. The same may be said of Hoar and Dawes of Massachusetts, Hawley of Connecticut, Allison of Iowa, and Ingalls of Kansas.

Webster, Randolph, Benton, Clay and Calhoun were men that were returned to the Senate term after term, as often as they desired it. The only safe plan is to get a good man and keep him.

Since the war, the tendency in the south has been to change her national representatives too frequently. Just when they have acquired that intimacy with public affairs, and that experience which only years of service can bring them, they have been retired and a successor elected who will have to go through the same routine in order for a thorough equipment for usefulness.

Kentucky is to be congratulated upon having moved away from the "anti-third term" fallacy by the election of Beck for

a third term. Vance will begin his third term March 4, 1889, and before Texas retires Senator Coke it would be the height of wisdom to stop and inquire in what manner Texas will be bettered. The Senator is now prepared to serve his people more satisfactorily than ever. If his twelve years of experience, his ripe knowledge of national questions are to be dispensed with in order to reward some new man, the advantages of those twelve years will be partially lost, and Texas will be a far greater loser than Senator Coke.

Admitting for the sake of argument that the senatorship is merely a reward for useful and important public service, it may be asked who has been more faithful to his people than Senator Coke? When he was elected Governor in 1874 he found a crisis in public affairs; and a dangerous crisis. He never flinched, and grasped it with the hand of a master, and oled it the way for good state government.

From the forward standpoint, who is more entitled to honor at the hands of the state than Coke?

As to the Senator's position in the late prohibition campaign, the charges of his adversaries are the merest trash. He was an anti-prohibitionist. He was outspoken in saying so, and he voted according to his convictions. Where was any snaking on his part, or where did he lack in his duty to the people. Governor Ross was an anti-prohibitionist. The only part that Ross took in the fight was to write a letter and give his reasons for his position. Coke did this also. Did Ross sulk?

Judge Terrell is prominently mentioned as Coke's successor. He efforts to defeat prohibition consisted of writing a letter. According to Coke's anti-prohibition correspondence, Terrell sulked, and so with many others. If the Senatorship is to be a reward for the most active and prompt action, Terrell Gibbs has the highest claim upon the office. He was the first in the fight, and he stayed with it until the end. As for Roger Q. Mills, it is patent to all that Texas would lose a splendid Congressman by sending him to the Senate. The ground that a man's action or non-action in a matter which the highest Democratic authority declared involved no man's standing in the Democratic party, should be a cause for his retirement from public life is absolutely untenable and is not worthy of consideration. The statement that Coke is mediocre is the most astounding announcement of the controversy. Who is his judge in this respect? What men in the state of Texas, by reason of his intellectual genius, his close knowledge of national issues, can write the word "mediocrity" upon Coke's forehead? Coke's friends do not claim for him the genius of Webster, the statements of Prentiss, the "magnetism" of Jefferson. But they do claim that for rugged honesty of heart, unimpeachable integrity, courage that knows no flinching, common sense capable of grasping great issues, his superior dwells not in Texas. And, coupled with this, stands an honorable, enviable record of twelve years in the United States Senate, an influence in the deliberations conceded by all public men, a thorough knowledge of the intricacies of national legislation that can only be acquired by years, and a mental equipment for immediate, useful service